REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated June 25, 2008. Claims 12 to 22 are pending in the application, of which Claims 12, 21 and 22 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 12 to 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035144 (Shima). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 12 is directed to an image processing apparatus which includes a reception unit adapted to receive second data acquired based on location information included in first data described in a markup language, wherein the location information indicates a location at which the second data exists and the second data is to be displayed together with information generated based on the first data when the information generated based on the first data is displayed on a display screen; a judgment unit adapted to judge whether the second data received by the reception unit is data of a predetermined type; and a print unit adapted to print the location information instead of the second data if the judgment unit judges that the second data is data of the predetermined type and to print the second data if the judgment unit judges that the second data is not data of the predetermined type.

Amended independent Claims 21 and 22 are directed to a method and a computer-executable program, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 12.

Applicant submits that the applied reference of Shima is not seen to disclose or to suggest all of the features of Claims 12, 21 and 22, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of receiving second data acquired based on location information included in first data described in a markup language, wherein the location information indicates a location at which the second data exists and the second data is to be displayed together with information generated based on the first data when the information generated based on the first data is displayed on a display screen, judging whether the second data is data of a predetermined type and printing the location information instead of the second data if it is judged that the second data is data of the predetermined type and to print the second data if it is judged that the second data is not data of the predetermined type.

Shima is directed to a network printer that stores a network address where contents are retained, location information of necessary contents within the retained contents, and print layout information of the contents. (See Shima, Abstract). The network printer accesses the network address with a preset timing, receives the retained contents, extracts the necessary contents according to the location information, and prints the necessary contents according to the print layout information. (See Shima, Abstract).

The cited portions of Shima are merely seen to disclose printing either a hyperlink (i.e., "Weekly Weather Forecast") or destination content that are to be displayed when the hyperlink is selected, as is well known for the treatment of hyperlinks in an HTML document displayed by a browser. (See Shima, paragraph [0056]). A hyperlink included in a HTML document may be displayed along with the contents of the HTML document when the HTML document is processed by a browser. Therefore, in Shima, data

for a HTML document may correspond to the first data of the present invention. However, a hyperlink and its treatment as disclosed in Shima do not correspond to the second data of the present invention. In the case of a conventional hyperlink, the hyperlink is displayed embedded in the HTML data that is displayed. To retrieve content from the location pointed to by the hyperlink, a user selects the hyperlink. However, in the present invention, the second data is judged to determine whether the second data is data of a predetermined type. If so, the location information is printed instead of the second data. However, if it is judged that the second data is data of the predetermined type, the second data itself is printed. Therefore, the second data of the present invention does not encode the same information as a hyperlink nor is it treated in the same manner as a hyperlink.

Therefore, the applied reference of Shima is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of receiving second data acquired based on location information included in first data described in a markup language, wherein the location information indicates a location at which the second data exists and the second data is to be displayed together with information generated based on the first data when the information generated based on the first data is displayed on a display screen, judging whether the second data is data of a predetermined type and printing the location information instead of the second data if it is judged that the second data is data of the predetermined type and to print the second data if it is judged that the second data is not data of the predetermined type.

In view of the foregoing deficiencies of Shima, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 12, 21 and 22 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

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The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Applicant notes that neither the first nor the second Office Action Summary included an indication acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, or receipt of the certified copy of the priority document, which was filed in the Patent Office on January 20, 2004.

Acknowledgment of Applicant's claim to priority was requested in the Preliminary Amendment filed May 22, 2008, but no such acknowledgment was made in the present Office Action. Thus, the Examiner is again requested to provide such an acknowledgment.

<div align="center">CONCLUSION</div>

No claims fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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